

JULY 9, 1954

**TURNER IN WASHINGTON****CIA ripe for study**

By ALLEN DRURY

In the slow, rambling, lackadaisical way in which people approach the major problems of government, so nobody with some authority has really appreciated the problem. In the Central Intelligence Agency Heretofore the administration on the whole has been very lenient with the agency. Mr. Hoover has decided to move now. Mr. Clark has been named to look into the structure and administration of the agency whose secret and inaccessibility would make members of Congress more than apprehensive.

It is true that this move has probably been prompted by warnings from the junior senator from Wisconsin, even though General Clark and all others concerned in the administration declare with elaborate circumlocution that his threats to investigate have nothing to do with it; but even though it may be no more than a political preventative, the Hoover study inevitably is going to do some good in straightening out the situation in CIA.

If pushed forward with real vigor and diligence, in fact, it may do away with the necessity for a full-scale public airing which might do real harm to the agency's function as a worldwide listening device for the government.

The vigor and diligence will be imperative, however, if a good result is to come, because there is no doubt that the CIA thoroughly warrants a house-cleaning and a shake-up. So assure a member of congress as Montana's Sen. Mike Mansfield (D) recently spearheaded a group of senators seeking creation of a commission similar to the Atomic Energy Commission to supervise and control CIA's activities.

The effort has not yet produced much except publicity, but the intentions of the sponsors have been thoroughly constructive. As it is now, CIA operates entirely independent of any control, spends millions of dollars for which it has to make accounting to no one except in the most general terms, wraps about itself a cloak of righteous mystery when anyone attempts to find out what goes on, and generally constitutes a private little empire in which some rather interesting characters operate without restraint, presumably for the good of the country but in no way that can be spelled out in black and white on the balance-sheet.

If the Hoover Commission follows the pattern of logic usually characteristic of its chairman, it will probably come up with some recommendation along the general lines of the Mansfield bill. It may do so with the cooperation of the director of CIA, Allen Dulles, brother of the secretary of state, or it may do so over his opposition.

Right now Mr. Dulles says he "welcomes" the Hoover project, but he is a man of notoriously thin skin who is not above trying to get the jobs of newspapermen who criticize him, and the Hoover Commission may find its task somewhat similar to pulling teeth when it comes to getting Mr. Dulles' real cooperation.

Mr. Dulles' entire attitude toward congress and toward anyone who tries to learn more about his agency is one of arrogant refusal to cooperate, and the sweet air of reason which now prevails vis-a-vis the Hoover Commission may not long remain as it begins to dig deeper under the surface of the CIA.

Still and all, there is always Joe, breathing fire and seeking new fields to conquer, and he has certainly given ample indication of his desire to look into Central Intelligence. Therefore it would seem to behove Mr. Dulles to "play ball" and to cooperate fully with what will very likely be the fairest and most sympathetic investigation he is ever likely to get. The administration has apparently decided to try the experiment, in this case, of moving first; but only if it moves constructively and completely can it hope to head off another brawling, shouting match with the Wisconsin senator.

Missing July 1953 memo

14 September 1953

Dear Mr. Drury:

Upon my return from Europe a few days ago, I found your letter of 12 August 1953. In a job such as this, one is always in the houses cleaning business. I would, however, appreciate it if you had any concrete lead which you feel you could pass on. A rather broad statement in your newspaper item in the Waterloo Courier is I assume based on some evidence other than mere hearsay, and, if so, it would certainly be of help to me to have it. I can assure you that it would be used with entire security insofar as you are concerned.

Faithfully yours,

Signed  
**ALLEN W. DULLES**  
Director  
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Mr. Allen Drury  
The Washington Star  
Washington 4, D. C.

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THE EVENING STAR & THE SUNDAY STAR

Washington 4, D. C.

August 12, 1953

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Thank you for your letter of August 6.

The questions which occur to you in connection with Mr. Allen Drury's article in the Waterloo Courier would have occurred to us had the article been submitted for publication in The Star.

I do not know the sources of Mr. Drury's information or the facts supporting his opinion of C.I.A. But I am taking the liberty of referring your letter to Mr. Drury with the thought that he might be inclined to write to you directly.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ B. M. McKelway

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Director  
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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Mr. Dulles,

Mr. McKelway has passed along your letter of August 6. Let me say at once that the language you quote was exaggerated and even intemperate, one of those cases in which a generalization becomes so general as to be unnecessarily hurtful. I apologize for that.

My information came from sources on the Hill and from within your organization which I believe to be accurate. They have persuaded me to the conclusion I believe you yourself have expressed, namely that there is a real housecleaning job to be done. I have faith in your determination to do this, and as I said in the column which you partially quote, I am against Senator McCarthy doing it. Neither in the column or now, however, do I accept any thesis that it does not need doing, because I am convinced it does, and on a large scale.

Like everyone who has some inkling of how much the country depends on CIA for its security, I hope your determination to put it in good order will produce speedy results. You may be sure they will be noted with full credit by me when the time comes.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Drury

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August 1953

Mr. Benjamin M. McKelway  
Washington STAR  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McKelway:

A clipping from the July 14, 1953, issue of the Waterloo, Iowa, COURIER has been brought to my attention by Sen. Allen Drury, the COURIER's Washington correspondent and a permanent member of the Washington STAR staff, on his own authority and under his by-line states:

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I had not seen from any reporting by Mr. Drury in the Washington STAR that he had this impression of CIA, and I assume that he would not state that CIA "badly needs investigation," and "desperately needs shaking up" if he did not have substantial evidence that caused him to reach and publish this conclusion.

I wonder if you would care to ask Mr. Drury to furnish any evidence he may have to support these allegations so that CIA may go into the matter thoroughly with the idea of taking corrective action where required. I can assure you that no one is more anxious than I to have CIA and its security activities improved and bettered wherever possible, and to investigate at once, thoroughly and objectively, any weaknesses in the organization, or its personnel, or its methods that Mr. Drury or anyone else brings to our attention.

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John W. Dulles  
Director

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5 August 1953

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Allen Drury is a staff member of the WASHINGTON STAR and is, in addition, the Washington correspondent for a Palo Alto, California, paper and for the Waterloo, Iowa, COURIER. In a dispatch over his by-line to the Waterloo COURIER, the edition of 14 July 1953, he makes the following statement regarding the Central Intelligence Agency:

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In last night's STAR he handles the McCarthy story and in it he indicates none of the bias that he expresses in his Waterloo COURIER story.

It is recommended that you invite the attention of Benjamin M. McKelway, the editor of the Washington STAR, to these allegations of Mr. Drury, made in his own authority and over his by-line, and request Mr. McKelway to invite Mr. Drury to furnish you with any information Mr. Drury may have regarding CIA which causes him to state, "...it (CIA) badly needs investigation," and his further statement that CIA "so desperately needs a shaking-up." You would assure Mr. McKelway that any information Mr. Drury may have in support of his statement will be thoroughly gone into, since you are as desirous as anyone to keep CIA as strong a security agency as human effort makes possible. Recommend a letter substantially as follows to Mr. McKelway:

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Washington STAR  
Washington, D. C.

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## Sees Possibility of Setback for McCarthy

By ALLEN DRURY  
Courtesy Washington Correspondent

"I'm not planning to take it anywhere," said Arkansas' John McClellan bluntly when somebody asked him where he planned forgiving, all-embracing hero worship which the Senator seems to like the issue which brought his resignation from Joe McCarthy's investigating subcommittee; yet for the first time it appears there may be a situation developing which could result in some restraint on the free-swinging Wisconsin Republican.

Confronted by the sudden resignation of his staff director, J. Matthews, after that worthy said 7,000 members of the Protestant clergy were aiding the Communist apparatus, McCarthy at once followed his familiar diversionary practice by launching two new campaigns, one directed against the Central Intelligence Agency and the other against Dr. Robert Johnson, the outgoing head of the State Department information program.

This did not, however, confuse his colleagues, whatever effect it may have been designed to have in the headlines. The chairman's right to hire and fire staff members at will became an issue, which was upheld by his Republican colleagues; and McClellan, along with Stuart Aiken of Missouri and Henry Jackson of Washington, left the subcommittee.

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Overshadowing that was the attack on the clergy which finally drew the President into the controversy; and the end of that is not in sight either. Although the Senator from Wisconsin is mighty fast on his feet, he may have gone too far in both directions.

Certainly he has made it quite likely that his activities will become a major Democratic issue in the next elections.

Up to now, the Democrats have been holding off, no more certain than anyone else as to what should be done. But now, particularly if the subcommittee attempts to continue investigating without any Democratic members at all—thereby destroying even the slightest pretense of objectively and fairness—ample ammunition will be at hand. And since all three of the resigning committee members are men of stature and substance, the ammunition will be forcefully used.

### Real Tragedy.

In all the hullabaloo, the real tragedy of the situation is once again being emphasized. There were Communists in government, but instead of approaching the matter soberly, the Senator from Wisconsin chose sensationalism and the resulting wave of opposition made the task of uncovering real subversives twice as difficult.

There were books which should have been removed from overseas libraries, but instead of approaching the matter soberly, the Senator from Wisconsin chose sensationalism and the resulting wave of opposition to "book-burning" made the job twice as difficult.

There are undoubtedly some members of the clergy who are or have been allied with the Communist ideology, but instead of approaching the matter soberly, the Senator from Wisconsin has chosen sensationalism and the resulting wave of opposition has made the task of ferreting them out twice as difficult, if not indeed altogether impossible.

The Central Intelligence Agency is one of the weird conglomerations of people ever charged with the security of great nations and it badly needs investigation, but instead of approaching the matter soberly the Senator from Wisconsin has chosen sensationalism and the resulting wave of opposition is going to make it very difficult to give CIA the shaking-up it so desperately needs.

With all these negative accomplishments to his credit, it is sometimes a little puzzling to come up against the sort of all-embracing hero worship which the Senator seems to arouse in some areas of the country.



Allen Drury